and (b) The Planning Commission has formulated the Ninth Plan of all States including North East States based on not only the resource based formula but also with due emphasis on infrastructure development. This is to be achieved by various measures which inter-alia include the following:

(i) Creating supportive measure for the development of infrastructure—both physical & social and rapid enhancement of sustainable employment to enable the States of North East Region to joint the mainstream of economic development of the country;

(ii) Setting up of a High Level Commission (HLC) to suggest measures for the development of various Sectors including infrastructure in each State of the North East.

(iii) Creating a Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources for funding specific projects in the North East Region.

The details regarding the above are already given in the Ninth Plan document approved by the National Development Council.

Declining Trend in Investment

2613. SHRI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Plan fund allocated to agriculture, rural development during the last five years;

(b) whether Government have so far been able to arrest the declining trends in investment in these sectors;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that Plan funds allocated to these sectors are not diverted to other sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Year wise percentage of allocation of plan funds under State Plans and Central Sector is as under:

Year	Agriculture& allied activities	Rural Development
1993-94	5.4	7.0
1994-95	5.3	8.6
1995-96	5.2	9.1
1996-97	4.8	9.9
1997-98	4.5	9.2

(b) to (d) Allocations of increased plan funds are made to Agriculture and Rural Development programmes in the state Plans and Central Sector. While States are given flexibility for allocation of funds among different sectors, Central Sector funds are provided on the basis of utilisation under various plan programmes for Agriculture and Rural Development. Additionally, funds are also available under programmes for irrigation, which directly boost the investment in rural economy. The Ninth Plan envisages provision of Rural Infrastructure Development Funds and revamping of cooperative institutions to encourage and enhance investment in Agriculture.

कार्य दल में निजी क्षेत्र का प्रतिनिधित्व

2614. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा रोजगार के संबंध में किसी कार्य दल का गठन किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इस कार्य दल में निजी क्षेत्र से एक भी प्रतिनिधि को शामिल नहीं किया गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री, संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा योजना और कार्यक्रम क्रियान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नायक): (क) जी, हां, योजना आयोग द्वारा रोजगार अवसरों संबंधी एक कार्यदल का गठन किया गया है;

(ख) जी नहीं, इस कार्यदल में निजी सैक्टर के प्रतिनिधि शामिल हैं;

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Outcome of NDC Meeting

2615. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: